

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 6/12/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. In response to the Office action dated on April 5, 2006 the Amendment has been received on June 12, 2006.

Claim 13 has been canceled.

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in this application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

With respect to claims 1-7, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiation imaging apparatus comprising: an image display control means controlling a display device to continuously display a plurality of processed images as a dynamic image, each of the processed images being obtained by performing a subtraction process between an odd image of the odd images and an even image of the even images, wherein the even image is derived in succession to the odd image as claimed including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and any intervening claims.

With respect to claim 8, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiation imaging system comprising: an image display control means controlling a display device to continuously display a plurality of processed images as a dynamic image, each of the processed image images being obtained by performing a subtraction process between

an odd image of the odd images and an even image of the even images, wherein the even image is derived in succession to the odd image as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim 8.

With respect to claim 9, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiation imaging method comprising the steps of: controlling a display device to continuously display a processed image as a dynamic image, each of the processed images being obtained by performing a subtraction process between an odd image of the odd images and an even image of the even images, wherein the even image is derived in succession to the odd image as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim 9.

With respect to claim 10, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiation imaging apparatus comprising: an image display control means controlling a display device to continuously display a plurality of processed images as a dynamic image, each of the processed images being obtained by performing a subtraction process between an odd image of the odd images and an even image of the even images, wherein the even image is derived in succession to the odd image as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim 10.

With respect to claims 11 and 12, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiation imaging system comprising: an image display control means controlling a display device to continuously display a plurality of processed images being obtained by performing a subtraction process between an odd image of the odd images and an even image of the even images, wherein the even image is derived in succession to the odd image as claimed including all of the limitations of the claim 11 and any intervening

claims.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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